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CIVIL SERVICE BUNK

**How Many Examinations in Chicago
Were Framed Up for Favorites to
Shut Out Ordinary Citizens?**

The People of Chicago demand a thorough investigation of the Civil Service Commission's department of the city government.

They demand an investigation that will go back for years and unearth the treacherous and illegal treatment accorded to honest citizens for the benefit of a chosen few.

They demand an investigation into all of the examinations that have been held in order that the public may be informed as to how many, if any, of them were on the square.

They demand an investigation of the numerous examinations held for the benefit of particular persons, where questions were asked which could only be answered by the persons whose appointment in the civil service was evidently arranged for in advance.

The people are paying \$100,000 a year for the administration of the civil service law in the city government.

They are paying \$100,000 a year for a roosting place for men to make out "psychological" examination papers.

In a recent examination for stenographers the easiest word handed out for them to typewrite quickly was "eleemosynary."

Is any one foolish enough to suppose that this examination was on the square and that these hard words were not asked to keep out people who were not of the favored class?

New departments, entirely unnecessary, have been created in the civil service for pet favorites and high-browed loafers.

The taxpayers who pay the freight would not be permitted to pass an examination for dog catcher.

Poor men, devoid of education, and with starving families, who are looking for work with a pick and shovel as day laborers, have to go through a civil service examination that would shock the Sultan of Turkey. A daily newspaper printed the following about the absurd questions asked of these poor laboring men by these high-browed reformers who control the aristocracy of office holders in Chicago:

"Ten thousand men who want jobs in the streets, sewers and small parks are being put through an examination by the labor bureau of the Civil Service Commission. Here are some questions that apply:

"How much more does a wheelbar-

row of dirt weigh in Jackson Park than on the moon?

"What amount of street sweepings can be put into a curb box three feet long, two feet wide and fifteen inches deep?

"What is the superficial area of Madison street from State street to the river?

"How long would it take a gang of 200 men to shovel a ten-inch snow-fall off it? How much could the time be increased?

"If a hod of brick be dropped from the top of a building 200 feet high with what velocity will it strike a street sweeper in the alley?"

But the jobs that have been created for intellectual giants are the ones that take the cake.

You can search all of the dictionaries and encyclopedias in vain for words and titles that can beat for utter obsolescence some of the productions of the Chicago Civil Service Commission.

The Official Bulletin of the Chicago Civil Service Commission for April 6, 1915, contained the following under the head of "Examinations ordered."

Read it carefully and you will learn the duties of an "Industrial Psychologist," for which you will have to pay out \$2,100 every year out of your hard earned money:

"Industrial Psychologist, Class H, Grade IV, \$1,740-2,100, April 7. Subjects of Examination: Special subject 4, educational (penmanship 1, arithmetic 1) 2, experience 3, report 1.

"Duties: Makes thorough mental examination and partial physical examination of individuals, using modern experimental material; makes inspection of the subject's capacity as to memory, imagination, retention, association and their psychological attributes; organizes intensive system of experimental research to determine value of these tests; make analyses of mental and physical units and processes involved in manufacture of certain articles in the institution; aids in placing inmates in most suitable industries; co-operates with outside industries for placing of ex-inmates, and checks up on work they do after leaving the institution; assists superintendent in formation and abolition of industries."

If this doesn't take the cake, our ignorance is more profound than we thought it was.

WASTE OF CITY MONEY

Giving \$93,000 a Year to the Department of "Public Service" for Doing Nothing and Cutting Wages of Hard-Working Employees Is Little Less than An Outrage.

No wonder city employees are sore. They have a right to complain of being underpaid.

When the city council can virtually give away over \$93,000 of the people's money every year for a serious joke like the so-called Department

of Public Service, policemen, firemen, and other hard-working city employees have a right to feel sore.

Useless sinecures like the Public Service Department should be wiped out and the money appropriated for it divided among needy city employees in other departments.

Everybody knows what the "Public Service" department exists for. And everybody will know more about it while it drains.

Policemen and firemen risk their lives for the public.

Instead of throwing money away on "public service" schemes, give it to them.

One of the very best Aldermen in the City Council is Edward F. Cullerton.

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Harry M. Grut, cashier of the Mercantile Trust & Savings Bank, at Jackson boulevard and Clinton streets, is one of the rising young men of Chicago. Before accepting his present responsible position, Mr. Grut was connected with the Continental & Commercial National Bank. He is respected by the business community and by all with whom he has come in contact.

Edmund T. Perkins, the well known engineer, is a progressive Chicagoan with a national reputation in his profession.

W. S. Tothill, the great manufacturer of gymnasium and playground apparatus, at 1815 Webster avenue, has a national reputation because of the excellence and reliability of his products.

Q. J. Chott, the well known lawyer, who made a good record on the justice bench, would make a good Municipal Judge.

Harrison B. Riley, president of the Chicago Title & Trust Company, is one of the foremost citizens of Chicago; always progressive and patriotic.

Alderman Walter P. Steffen is doing great work as head of the council police committee.

Timothy J. Crowe, for many years chief clerk in the county clerk's office, has been made chief clerk in the county treasurer's office. He is an able man and is popular with everybody.

Otto Rueter, the head of the big real estate firm which bears his name, is one of the upbuilders of Chicago. The office of his company on the ground floor of 32 North Dearborn street is one of the finest in the city.

Judge John Stelk is making a great record in the speeders' court.

Amos C. Ryan, the popular president of the Central Transfer company, stands high with the theatrical profession. The prosperous company, of which he is the head, does virtually all of the theatrical transfer work in Chicago and you never hear a kick about a lost trunk or any other article of baggage.

W. S. Tothill is in great favor with park officials and the general public on account of the uniform satisfaction that the big concern of which he is the head, renders in their supply of playground apparatus. Tothill's output is certainly up-to-date and of the best in every particular as the happy children who use it can testify.

Charles Hasterik, the well known brewer and president of the Hebe Brewing Company, has a host of friends in the business world.

Benjamin F. Richardson, the well known lawyer, has met with deserved success and has a host of friends.

Dixon C. Williams, the well known manufacturer and democratic orator and leader, has hosts of friends among the business men of Chicago.

Albert J. Hopkins, who made one of the best United States senators Illinois ever had, would make a great governor.

F. H. Seibold, D. C., one of the most prominent chiropractors in Chicago, offers to treat all soldiers and sailors suffering from sciatica, rheumatism, or kindred ailments free of charge. His office is in the Stevens building, 17 North State street.

Robert H. Taft, the popular President of the Lawrence Ice Cream Company is one of the live wires of the Chicago business world. Interested in many active enterprises he is an upbuilder of the city and a man who stands for the encouragement of prosperity.

EAGLETS.

William Ganschow is making a fine record as West Park Commissioner. He is progressive and alert to the needs of the public.

Judge John K. Prindiville is making a splendid record on the Municipal Court bench. He is an able, broad-minded and just judge.

John Z. Vogelzang, the great restaurateur, deservedly stands in the front rank of the restaurant and hotel men of Chicago.

Charles S. Thornton, the well known lawyer, has honored every office he ever filled from president of the board of education to corporation counsel.

Judge John R. Lavery is daily adding to his popularity in Chicago by his splendid record on the Municipal Court bench.

Business men who phone Heco, Superior 7100, for envelopes, always get what they want.

Charles Krutchoff is one of the most popular members of the Board of Assessors. He always looks after the people's interests.

Clarence S. Pigott stands high at the bar and is respected by the people. He will be a judge some day and in the near future at that.

Men of all parties favor the election of George B. Holmes as Municipal Judge.

John W. Eckhart, the well known miller, is respected as a democratic leader as well as a recognized power in commercial life.

Anthony D'Andrea, the popular proprietor of the well known Capri Inn restaurant, at 10 N. Clark street, is one of the coming men of Chicago. He is a born leader of men and with his natural ability, splendid education and host of friends is bound to make his mark in public life. His restaurant has won deserved fame on account of the excellence of its service.

C. B. Willey, president of the big C. L. Willey Company, is one of the solid men of Chicago. He is patriotic, progressive and public spirited.

Dixon C. Williams, one of the finest orators in the Democratic party is growing in popularity. He would make an ideal member of congress if he would consent to run for the office.

Frank Rice, general manager of the Benjamin Electric Company, is one of the progressive young business men of Chicago. He is respected and popular with everybody.

Frank Hogan, the highly respected president of the Hece Envelope Company, would make a good mayor. He is a man of great executive ability and earnestness of purpose and he numbers his friends by the thousands.

The Beaver Electric Construction Company of 30 North La Salle street stands high among the contracting engineers of the country. The work of this company and its engineers is praised everywhere.

Lawrence Williams, the president of the big Oliver Typewriter Company, is one of those public-spirited men who have been the making of Chicago's greatness. Mr. Williams is noted for his progressiveness and his business ability is attested by the success of the great concern of which he is the head.

The enemies of the people are already reaching out to control the coming constitutional convention.

This settles the new constitution. The people will not stand for Trust Domination of the basic law of the land.

The trust barons absolutely controlled the legislature at its late session.

They were bold: They passed laws permitting the Butter Trust, Milk Trust, Potato Trust, Vegetable Trust And Garden Trust

To raise prices on the public and form any sort of a trust that they liked without any danger of prosecution.

Talk about high handed measures! How is that for high?

The public generally is indignant, but, as one of the bosses said: "What are you going to do about it?"

The new constitution is going to be framed by the Trust Gang.

And don't you forget it.

They are making preparations now to do the job.

If the Aldermen would investigate the Department of Public Service they might discover one cause for the very high tax rate.

OUR LEADING CLUBS

Moulders of Public Opinion and Assembling Places for Citizens in This City.

Following are the locations of the leading self-sustaining clubs of Chicago:

Apollo Club, 302 S. Michigan ave.
Bohemia Club—3659 Douglas boulevard.
Builders', 412-418 Chamber of Commerce building.

Calumet, Michigan ave. and 30th st.
Canton, Tenth floor, Fine Arts Bldg.
Chicago Athletic Association, 12 S. Michigan ave.

Chicago Architectural, Art Institute.

Chicago Automobile, 221 Plymouth court.

Chicago Club, Michigan ave. and Van Buren street.

Chicago Motor Club, 1250 South Michigan avenue.

Chicago Cycling, 1614, 27 East Van Buren street.

Chicago Yacht, foot of Monroe st. City Club, 315 Plymouth court.

Chiff Dwellers, 216 S. Michigan ave. Colonial Club of Chicago, 4441 Grand boulevard.

Columbia Yacht, foot of Randolph street.

Eike—174 West Washington street. Englewood, 6323 Harvard avenue.

Edgewater Country, 5688 Winthrop avenue.

Farragut Yacht Club, foot of 23d st. Germania Masons' hall, 164 Germania place.

Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn st. Illinois Athletic, 119 S. Michigan avenue.

Irish Fellowship Club, La Salle Hotel.

Iroquois, 26 North Dearborn street. Illinois, 113 S. Ashland boulevard.

Jefferson, Dearborn ave. and Maple street.

Kenwood, Lake ave. and 47th st. Kenwood Country, Dresden boulevard and 49th street.

Mid-Day, First National Bank bldg. 17th floor.

Oaks, Lake st. and Waller ave. Press Club of Chicago, City Hall Square Building.

Quadrangle, Lexington avenue and 58th street.

Rotary, 28 South Dearborn st. Saddle and Cycle, Sheridan Road and Foster avenue.

South Shore Country, Lake shore and 47th street.

Southern, 26 N. Dearborn street. Speedway Park Club, 140 S. Dearborn street.

Standard, Michigan ave. and 34th street.

Swedish Club of Chicago, 1988 La Salle avenue.

Twentieth Century, 2246 Michigan avenue.

Union League, Jackson boulevard and Federal street.

University, Michigan avenue and Monroe street.

Judge Scully of the County Court is a great baseball fan and is very popular with the ball players and their friends.

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